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In re Application of

John Chester MALINOWSKI et al.

Serial No.: 10/065,843

Group Art Unit: 2823

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Examiner: Julio J. Maldonado

For:

NITRIDE ETCHSTOP FILM TO PROTECT METAL-INSULATOR-METAL CAPACITOR DIELECTRIC FROM DEGRADATION AND METHOD OF

MAKING SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Box AF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.